(c) The State Government has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Commissioner, Land Revenue, for studying the issue.

**Distribution of Fertilizers in Assam**

*255. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Urea and Phosphatic fertilizers distributed among the small and marginal farmers in Assam in each of the last two years;

(b) the number of farmers benefited in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have received complaints regarding irregularities in distribution of fertilizers in the State; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The scheme for distribution of Urea, Phosphatic Fertilizers, etc. to small and marginal farmers was taken up in 1992-93. The State Government of Assam did not implement the scheme.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No complaints have been received regarding irregularities in the distribution of fertilisers in the State.

**उत्तर प्रदेश में मल-निकासी की योजनाएं**

*256. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार को उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में मल-निकासी योजनाओं के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन योजनाओं को स्वीकृति प्रदान की है; और

(घ) किन-किन योजनाओं को स्वीकृति प्रदान नहीं की गई है और इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती शीला कौल)** : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम से हल्द्वानी, अलमोड़ा, नैनीताल, काशीपुर तथा लखनऊ शहरों के लिए जल आपूर्ति सहित मल निकासी की योजनायें सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान मिली थीं। इन योजनाओं की अनुमानित लागत इस प्रकार है :—

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| हलद्वानी जल आपूर्ति तथा मल निकासी योजना | 18.95 |
| अलमोड़ा जल आपूर्ति तथा मल निकासी योजना | 18.16 |
| नैनीताल जल आपूर्ति तथा मल निकासी योजना | 9.45 |
| लखनऊ जल आपूर्ति तथा मल निकासी योजना | 454.00 |
| काशीपुर जल आपूर्ति तथा मल निकासी योजना | 7.75 |

(ग) जी, हां। शहरी विकास मंत्रालय ने इन योजनाओं की तकनीकी साध्यता का अनुमोदन कर दिया था।

(घ) अब कोई योजना इस मंत्रालय के विचाराधीन नहीं है।

**Multilingual Joint Entrance Examination to IITs**

*257. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item

appearing in the 'Times of India' dated the 17th December, 1992 under the heading "Vernacular students fare low in IIT-Joint Entrance Examination held in 1990";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have analysed the reasons for such a low performance; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Joint Entrance Examination conducted for admission to IITs is an all India competitive examination. Since 1990, the students are allowed to write this examination in English or in any one of the 14 Indian languages which has been their medium of instruction in 10+2 examination in Physics Chemistry and Mathematics. The factual data and statistical analysis of JEE, 1990 made by the organising Institute indicates a comparatively low pass percentage of the students writing the examination in vernacular. It has been the experience that factors like advance preparation by the students, formal coaching, family background etc., have a bearing on the success of students in the JEE. The specific reasons could be analysed if a similar trend continues in JEE, 1993 also.

**Report of expert committee on flood management in North Eastern Region**

*258 SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government on the report submitted by the Expert Committee on Flood Management in the North Eastern Region;

(b) whether it is a fact that the committee submitted its report in December, 1988; and

(c) what were the terms of reference of the committee and what were its principal recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee submitted its report in December, 1988. The report of the Committee was sent to all concerned State and Central Departments. Subsequently it was also reviewed by an Empowered Committee and follow up action to be taken were sent to them in January, 1991.

(c) The terms of reference were to review all flood management activities and suggest recommendations for prioritisation of schemes, their financing and maintenance. The main recommendations covering both short term and long-term measures lay stress on non-structural measures such as flood forecasting and flood proofing, early completion of ongoing schemes, their evaluation and proper maintenance of flood management works.

**Opening of Central and Navodaya Schools in U.P.**

*259. DR. ISWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of Central Schools functioning in the State of U.P.;

(b) whether this number is proportionate to its population;

(c) if not, the number of such schools likely to be opened in the State during 1993-94; and

(d) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning in the State at present and proposed to be opened during 1993-94?